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Mr. Andrew T. Silfer
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Via Electronic and U.S. Mail

Re: Conditional Approval of General Electric's submittal titled *Addendum to Final Removal Design/ Removal Action Work Plan for Former Oxbow Areas J & K* GE - Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site, Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Silfer:

This letter provides the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) conditional approval of the above referenced *Addendum to Final Removal Design/ Removal Action Work Plan for Former Oxbow Areas J&K* (Addendum) submitted on April 26, 2006. The Addendum is subject to the terms and conditions specified in the Consent Decree (CD) that was entered in U.S. District Court on October 27, 2000.

Pursuant to Paragraph 73 of the CD, EPA, after consultation with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP), approves the Addendum subject to the following condition.

1. The preliminary soil related response actions shown on Figure 4 of the Addendum do not include the soil related response actions that were proposed and previously approved by EPA in the *Conceptual Removal Design/ Removal Action Work Plan for Former Oxbow Areas J&K*. GE shall provide a revised Figure 4 that shows the soil sampling locations and preliminary related response actions for all parcels within Former Oxbow Areas J&K.

GE shall provide a revised Figure 4 and Technical Drawing 3 that address the conditions above within 14 days from the date of this letter. EPA reserves its right to perform additional sampling and/or require additional sampling or Response Actions, if necessary, to meet the requirements of the Consent Decree.

Please contact me at (617) 918-1240 if you have any questions regarding this approval.

Sincerely,



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